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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 19, 2003 states that the Amendment filed on July 28, 2003 failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003. However, the effective date of the amendments

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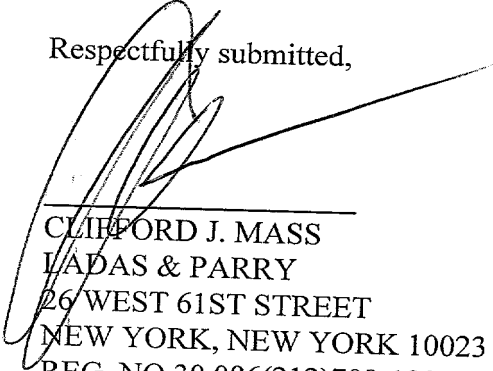
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to 37 CFR 1.121 was July 30, 2003, i.e., after the filing of the aforementioned Amendment. The Amendment complied with applicable provisions of 37 CFR 1.121 in effect as of the filing date of the Amendment.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the Notice was issued in error and should be vacated.

Respectfully submitted,



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